

THE KAISER AT THE FRONT.

A striking full page picture by Felix Schwormstadt in next Sunday's Sun shows the German Emperor with his troops on the actual firing line in Prussia.

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THE WEATHER FORECAST.

Fairly cloudy and colder to-day, preceded probably by rain early this morning; fair to-morrow. Detailed weather, mail and marine reports will be found on page 11.

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PASSPORT PIOT LAID TO GERMAN ATTACHE HERE

Embassy Member Said to Have Had Knowledge of Reservists' Plans.

REVEALED BY WOMAN TO JEALOUS SUTOR

Richard Peter Stegler, a member of the German naval reserve, who lives at 25 St. Nicholas avenue, and Gustav Cook, a waiter, were arrested yesterday on the charge of participating in a second conspiracy to get fraudulent United States passports for German reservists.

Letters said to be in possession of the Federal authorities contain the name of Capt. Hoy-Rd, naval attache at the German Embassy, and are said to indicate that the latter was cognizant of at least some of the efforts being made by reservists to reach their fatherland by means of fraudulent passports.

Letters that passed between Stegler and the naval attache, it is said, show that the latter defrayed or was willing to defray the expenses incidental to the issuance of the passports.

The new conspiracy was operated in such a manner as to meet the strict requirements which the State Department demanded of all applicants for passports, and the consequent arrest of Carl Ruedo and the four German reservists who were taken off the Norwegian liner Bergenfjord in January.

That the new attempt to violate the passport laws progressed rapidly, and that the issuance of one passport is due to the Federal authorities say, to jealousy over a woman whom one of the conspirators was courting.

After the arrest of Ruedo and the other defendants in the first passport case the State Department took precautions to prevent the substitution of pictures on passport applications. All applicants were required to submit pictures of themselves to the clerk of the United States consulate.

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"Intruder Upsetted Honorable Diners"

Japanese Fined for "Spoiling Happiness of 31 Full Dressed Guests."

Yataro Tanaka, a Japanese youth, wanted to pay his respects to the officers of the Japanese naval visiting here, and as he was not invited he tried to force his way into the Nippon Club, 181 West Ninety-third street, where the members were giving a dinner for their countrymen. His efforts at 10 P. M. being vain he tried again about 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning while the festivities were still in progress.

This time he stormed the doors, which gave way, and he was arrested. Later he faced a disorderly conduct charge in the West Side court, where A. H. O'Brien, manager of the club, presented the following letter to Magistrate Ten Eyck:

"Yataro Tanaka broke our front door and got into our clubhouse last night about half-past 12 o'clock. He threatened our men by the violation at so late last night and there was no reason with him to do such things."

"Also this is the second time last night that he had upsetted our whole entertainment; about two hours before when we had the honorable guests of New York prominent gentlemen and the high navy's officers. He rushed into our parlor, where was thirty-one full dressed guests, and spoiled all their happiness."

"The Consul General of Japan who are in this city was one of the guests, and many bankers of this city was there too."

"It had been worse if there was not the help of the police was there at that moment last night."

Appended was a postscript saying that the address of the club which Tanaka had given as his address was not true.

Magistrate Ten Eyck after perusing the letter and hearing Tanaka's side fined the latter \$5, which he paid.

IOWA MOVE AGAINST RUM.

Both Branches of Legislature Pass Prohibition Bill.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 24.—The Wisconsin bill for constitutional prohibition which came from the Senate was passed by the House of the Iowa Legislature to-day by a vote of 32 to 14. It provides for submission to the people of the question of constitutional prohibition if it passes also the Legislature to convene two years hence.

Another constitutional amendment coming from the Senate and providing for equal suffrage was passed by the House, 31 to 14.

Mr. P. H. Munn, Feb. 24.—The P. H. Peterson county option bill passed the Minnesota House of Representatives to-day by a vote of 66 to 42. It will be a law upon the Governor's approval.

Under its provisions wet and dry elections probably will be held in a majority of the counties of the State during this year.

No Warship Guard for Tobacco Men

Payers of \$10,000,000 a Year Duties Must Run Risks of War.

Tobacco manufacturers who use the Sumatra leaf usually go to Amsterdam to buy at auction the supplies of tobacco for six months, but the dangers presented by the war are causing them uneasiness.

The committee appointed by the Leaf Tobacco Board of Trade recently sent a letter to the Department of State telling of these fears and intimating that the tobacco men would be glad if the authorities would send a battleship to convoy the vessel on which most of them would sail for Holland.

The committee received this answer from Counselor Lansing of the State Department:

WARD DRIVER DEBES TRUTH OF TESTIMONY

"Terribly Excited" When He Told of Getting 6 Cent Order.

HIS MEMORY WAVERS: PERKINS TO GET CASE

Jefferson Lasher, a driver for the Ward Baking Company, took back before Referee Myer Nussbaum at yesterday's hearing of the Attorney-General's bread, flour and wheat inquiry the testimony he gave in an apparently straightforward manner on February 17 to the effect that one of his superiors gave him verbal instructions to get agreements from his fifty-two customers to sell bread at the advanced price of six cents per loaf.

Much of Lasher's original testimony was read to him, but he couldn't even recall the questions that had been asked, explaining his loss of memory by saying that he had been "so terribly excited."

He was sure, however, that he had never received any orders to tell grocers and others that they must charge six cents for Ward's bread.

Transcript for District Attorney. Deputy Attorney-General Alfred L. Becker said that he would send to District Attorney Perkins at once a transcript of the young man's testimony in order that a prosecution could follow on a charge of perjury.

An effort to get some sort of an explanation for the driver's recantation was attempted by Mr. Becker late in the afternoon when he called Arthur Gibson, an assistant manager at the Ward company's Bronx plant, from whom Lasher said he got his orders, and George Hoernley, the baking branch manager, to the stand. Nothing came of it, however, as Mr. Becker "wouldn't take chances with the witness," who gave the impression that he didn't understand what was going on.

Hoernley said in a most emphatic way that he "wouldn't waive." So neither got on the stand.

During the hearing Lasher said that he had been told by George S. Ward, general manager of the Ward Baking Company, that he was to make plans for the November election, and that he was to make a still better showing at the November election. The women outside the men in proportion to the registration.

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WILSON FINDS "HIGH SOCIETY" VERY AMUSING

"For Those Who No Longer Have Anything Important to Do," He Says.

ABILITY, NOT BIRTH, VINDICATES AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson paid his respects to so-called "high society" in a speech he delivered to-night at a public meeting held in the Continental Memorial Hall in the interest of Beraia College, Kentucky.

"It is very amusing sometimes," said President Wilson, "to see the airs that high society goes to. The world could do with high society and never miss it. High society is for those who have stopped working and no longer have anything important to do."

Supreme Court Justice Hughes acted as presiding officer and was one of the speakers in a list which included Dr. Hamilton Wright Mable and Dr. William Goodell Frost, president of Beraia College.

The President said among other things:

"The only thing that is worth while in human intercourse after all is to wake somebody up. The light provided you turn them up to see something that is worth seeing and to comprehend something that their spirits have not hitherto comprehended."

"There are colleges and colleges. I have spent the greater part of my life doing what is called teaching, but most of the pupils of most of our universities systematically resist being taught."

154,637 WOMEN VOTED.

Seventy-seven Per Cent. of Chicago Registration Poll.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Chicago women were elated to-day over their showing in the municipal primary election when the final figures became available and it was discovered that the late returns had piled up a total vote for them of 154,637.

This is 77 per cent. of their registration, and as a result of this showing the suffrage league immediately began to make plans for women's voters to get the stump and to attempt to make a still better showing at the November election. The women outside the men in proportion to the registration.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 24.—Senator Charles E. Clarke's bill, which requires press associations to furnish their services to a special committee of the Legislature, passed the Indiana Senate to-day and was referred to the House today and was referred to the Committee on Printing.

UNITED STATES SUSPENDS WAR ZONE INSURANCE

Board Decides to Increase Tariff on Ships to Danger Area—Insurance on Evelyn and Carib. \$659,103—Protest in House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The first tangible result in Washington of the sinking of the American steamships Evelyn and Carib in the mine area of the North Sea was the decision of the bureau of war risk insurance to-day to suspend temporarily the insurance of insurance on ships bound for North European ports.

This decision followed a conference by President Wilson with Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury Department and Assistant Secretary Peters at the White House this morning, at which the operation of the insurance bureau was discussed in detail.

It was decided that there should be an immediate horizontal increase in the rates to be quoted on risks in the European war zones. Pending a meeting of the advisory insurance board to fix new rates no policies will be issued on such risks.

While it is represented officially that the decision to suspend insurance pending the formulation of a new scale of rates is a purely technical result of the newly demonstrated dangers in the North Sea, it is pointed out that one effect of the Government's action will be to discourage, in some measure at least, American ships from entering the mine and war zones. In this bureau the Government possesses an effective instrument for compelling American ships to keep out of these zones if such a course is deemed advisable.

It is pointed out that the Government, which is now about the only American source of insurance on war risks in these zones, may, if it chooses to do so, fix the rates so high as to make them practically prohibitive. In an extreme situation it might resort to this means of closing the avenue for complications with Great Britain and Germany, but there is no evidence that this is the present intention.

To Double Some Rates.

The new rates in some cases probably will be double those charged before the sinking of the Evelyn. At that time the rate on cargoes bound for Bremen was only 3 per cent, it has now been lowered from 10 per cent. The rate at the opening of the war risk bureau. The bureau will maintain existing rates.

SENATE TO REPEAL TWO YEARS OFF FOR EXTRA CREW LAW

TEACHER-MOTHERS

Republican Members Agree to Give Railroads Relief From Burden.

JERSEY TO TAKE ACTION WIVES ELIGIBLE AGAIN

ALBANY, Feb. 24.—The repeal of the extra crew law, which went through the Legislature when Sulzer was Governor, was agreed upon by Republican Senators in conference to-day and while it thereby is made a party measure, it is expected that some Democrats will vote for the repeal.

The bill provides that the regulation of train crews shall be part of the duties of the Public Service Commission.

The Railroads Committee of the Assembly has set March 9 for a hearing on the extra crew law and it is expected that the Republican Assemblymen will caucus on the measure also.

ASKS JERSEY INQUIRY.

Bill Introduced to Settle Claims of Roads and Employers.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 24.—Assemblyman Stevens offered a joint resolution in the House to-day providing for an investigation of the fall crew law controversy by a special committee of the Legislature.

The preamble sets forth that the railroads have entered upon a vigorous campaign of advertising and education among the public to induce them to support the repeal of the law. It refers to the claim of the railroads that they are entitled to a special committee of the Legislature to investigate the matter.

SENATOR THINGS INDIANA WILL PROHIBIT NEWS MONOPOLY.

BURGLAR KILLS POLICEMAN.

Murders Man Who Arrested Him and Makes Him Escape.

CHARLES HILL, a policeman attached to the Montgomery street precinct in Jersey City, was shot and killed at 2 o'clock this morning by a burglar he had found coming out of a house near Stevens and West Side avenues.

The policeman caught the man just as he was getting out of a window and had taken him to the corner when the burglar drew a revolver and sent a bullet through Hill's heart.

GERMANS SINK EVENTH SHIP IN WAR ZONE

Steamship Rio Parana, With Crew of 31, Hit by Torpedo.

ARMED VESSEL WITH 230 SEAMEN LOST

Admiralty Fears the Clan MacNaughton Has Been Destroyed.

THREE KILLED ON ANOTHER CRAFT

Crew of the American Ship Carib Saved—Off Safe Lane, Berlin Says.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—German submarines and mines got two more merchant vessels to-day.

The Rio Parana, a small steamship bound from the Tyne to the Isle of Elba, was sunk this afternoon about eight miles off Beachy Head. The crew of thirty-one men were landed at Newhaven tonight and reported that they had no warning until the explosion of the torpedo struck their vessel on her beam ends.

The nationality and exact identity of the ship are still obscure. It is variously stated that she is from 200 to 2,000 tons and that it has not been ascertained yet what flag she was sailing under. At any rate she had a number of neutrals in her crew.

The "American Lloyd's" gives a steamship named the Parana as of Brazilian registry and as sailing from Rio Janeiro. She is of 2,400 tons and is owned by the Compania Commercial de Navegacion. There is no boat called the Rio Parana, according to the records in the publication.

Forty-one of the crew of another British steamship, the Harpallion, from West Hartlepool, also were landed in New Haven this evening reporting that their ship had struck a mine or had been torpedoed off Beachy Head. Three of the crew, all Britons, The Harpallion was bound to Newport News in ballast.

Oakby Sunk Off Rye.

Another British steamship was destroyed by a submarine last night, according to an announcement to-day. She was the Oakby, bound from London for Cardiff, Wales, in ballast, and she was sunk off Rye, all of her crew being saved by fishing smacks.

The day has been signalized, however, by the destruction of a German "U-boat" near Cape Albion, near Boulogne. It was not stated whether the feat was accomplished by shore batteries or by French destroyers.

There have been made reports during the war from various sources that submarines had been disposed of, but this is believed to be the first official announcement of such a happening by one of the allied Powers.

Rumors are current in London that other German submarines have been sunk, but no confirmation has been received. The official news bureau refusing to comment on the matter.

The British Admiralty in London has said to have been sunk by British destroyers in the Straits of Dover, one off the coast of Norway and the fifth is a French ship. The latter is probably the one accounted for in the French Admiralty statement.

Armed Cruiser Missing.

Great Britain has suffered another considerable naval loss, according to an announcement by the Admiralty to-day, in the armed merchant cruiser Clan MacNaughton, which has been missing since February 3 and which is believed to have gone down with all on board. The Admiralty ascribes the disaster to a bad weather which prevailed at the time, but there is a feeling in some quarters that submarines may have been responsible. The official announcement follows:

The Secretary of the Admiralty regrets to announce that H. M. S. Clan MacNaughton, an armed merchant cruiser, Commander Robert Jeffrey, R. N., has been missing since February 3 and it is feared that the vessel has been lost.

An unsuccessful search has been made and wreckage supposed to be portions of this ship has since been discovered.

The last signal received from the Clan MacNaughton was on February 3, and it is feared that she was lost during the bad weather which prevailed at that time.

The Admiralty has issued a list containing the names of twenty officers and crew of the Clan MacNaughton, and is supposed to have been down with all on board. The Clan MacNaughton was of 4,355 tons, was 120 feet in length and was built in 1911. She was formerly in the L. L. L. service and carried a crew of 230 men.

Torpedo Hits Oakby.

The Oakby was bound in ballast from London for Cardiff, Wales, when a torpedo struck her on the port side and exploded with such force that her main masts were blown off, her decks were splintered and one lifeboat was smashed.

BRITISH AVIATORS MISSING.

Three Fall to Return After Attacks in Belgium.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—In an official statement to-night the Admiralty announced that three of the aviators who had been missing since the recent joint attack upon Ostend and Zeebrugge and in the Heligoland district. The statement is as follows:

"In the recent naval and air attacks upon Ostend and Zeebrugge and in the Heligoland district, four flying machines were reported missing. One of these, Lieut. Murray, has since reported himself from Plumbich. Murray was compelled to alight in the open sea, and eventually was picked up by a Dutch torpedo boat."

The other three, who were missing are Lieut. Rogers, Lieut. Hon. Desmond O'Brien, and Sub-Lieut. Spencer. It is regretted that no further news has been obtained of them."

Desmond O'Brien was taken from Plumbich, Holland, where he was released on parole.

The Hon. Desmond O'Brien is a half brother of Baron Inghelheim. He is a half brother-in-law of Guglielmo Marconi.

TOLD TO SLEEP IN CLOTHES.

Many Passengers on Cunarder Ordnance Walked Deck All Night.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—An American passenger who arrived at Liverpool yesterday on the Cunarder Ordnance says the passengers were instructed on February 21 to sleep in their clothes.

Very few slept at all. Some of them walked the deck all night.

FLORIDA VIA ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

One of the six glass-stoppered bottles.

GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER.

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